GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2252
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MAHILA REPRESENTATIVES IN PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mahila representatives (Members) serving in Panchayats as Member, Sarpanch, and Pradhans in the country and State-wise;

(b) the number of Mahila Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes representing as Members, Sarpanch, and Pradhans in the country, State-wise and age-wise in each category;

(c) whether there has been any enhancement in the rights and duties in the Panchayats; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a):- The information is at Annexure.

(b):- This information is not maintained.

(c) & (d):- The Constitution provides that it is the legislatures of the State that endow the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) with powers and authority. In accordance with the same, States have devolved powers and responsibilities to the Panchayats in varying measure. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj is continually interacting with the State governments to ascertain the devolution of rights and duties to the PRIs. Full details are provided in the three volumes of the Ministry's report entitled "The State of the Panchayats − A Mid-Term Review and Appraisal, 2006" laid on the Table of the House on 23 November, 2006.

ANNEXURE

Sl no.	Name of State	Women Heads		
		Gram Panchayat	Zilla Panchayat	Samiti Parishad
	States:	Sarpanches	Adhyakshas	Chairman
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7266	366	7
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	645	44	6
3.	Assam	#	#	#
4.	Bihar	3784	237	18
5.	Chhattisgarh	3282	51	6
6.	Goa	Election is due		
7	Gujarat	#	#	#
8.	Haryana	2112	62	8
9.	Himachal Pradesh	1109	29	4

10.	Jammu & Kashmir	#	#	#
11.	Jharkhand	Election is due		
12.	Karnataka	#	#	#
13.	Kerala	356	54	5
14.	Madhya Pradesh	7864	123	21
15.	Maharashtra	9296	117	11
16.	Manipur	54	#	2
17.	Orissa	#	#	#
18.	Punjab	2871	52	6
19.	Rajasthan	#	#	#
20.	Sikkim	33	0	1
21.	Tamil Nadu	4313	140	10
22.	Tripura	216	8	2
23.	Uttar Pradesh	#	#	#
24.	Uttaranchal	2445	34	6
25.	West Bengal	995	102	6
26.	Union Territories:			
27.	A & N Islands	24	3	0
28.	Chandigarh	6	0	0
29.	D&N Haveli	4	0	1
30.	Daman & Diu	6	0	0
31	Lakshadweep	4	0	0
32.	Pondicherry	#	#	#

Note: # = Information unavailable at present.